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| For: | TIGHTENNING BAND | Examiner: Not Yet Assigned | |
| | RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF D | DEFECTIVE RESPONSE | |
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| Sir: | | | |
| | In response to the Notification of Defective Res | ponse dated August 31, 2006, Applicant | |
| respe | ectfully submits: | | |
| \boxtimes | Attached is a copy of the Notification of Defective Response. | | |
| ⊠ □ P | Attached is the Replacement Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney Original hotocopy. | | |
| | The specification attached to the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 18, 2005, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith. | | |
| \boxtimes | The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney of the attached Inventors' Declaration correction was 18, 2005 entitled "TIGHTENNING BAND." | sponds to Appl. No.10/535,496 filed | |

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| | Attached is an English language translation of the above-identified application that was filed in a foreign language, which should be used as the copy for examination purposes. |
| | See the attached Translator's Verification; or |
| | The undersigned states that the English translation attached hereto is a true and correct translation of the application as originally filed in a foreign language. |
| | Attached are 0 sheet(s) of drawings. Please substitute these replacement drawings for the corresponding 0 sheet(s) of drawings on file in the above-identified application. |
| | Attached are substitute claims commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(h). |
| | Attached is a substitute abstract commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b). |
| | Attached is a substitute specification that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The substitute specification does not contain new matter. |
| | Attached is a preliminary amendment. |
| | Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. |
| | Attached is a Supplemental Application Data Sheet (ADS). |
| | Submitted concurrently herewith under separate cover for recording is an Assignment. |
| | Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time. |
| | The Government Filing Surcharge for late filing of oath and/or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.494 and 1.492 was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on May 18, 2005. |

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Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

Applicant's report that the Replacement Declaration attached hereto merely corrects a typographical error in the priority application number provided therewith. The priority document on the original Declaration was noted as PCT/JP3003/01428 and should have been PCT/JP2003/014283.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/18/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/18/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/18/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/18/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/24/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/18/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/18/2005

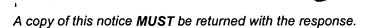
Applicant's response filed 04/24/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 03/22/2006 have not been completed.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)



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